



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PRESERVE  
PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS EARNED BY  
RETIREEES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, some employers in Connecticut and in other states have  
2 reduced or eliminated, or sought to reduce or eliminate, pension and  
3 health insurance benefits promised by such employers to their retirees,  
4 on which promises such retirees relied, and which promises induced  
5 such retirees to continue their employment with those employers  
6 instead of seeking employment elsewhere; and

7 WHEREAS, the trend toward the reduction or elimination of  
8 pension and health insurance benefits of retirees threatens the health  
9 and welfare of some senior citizens in Connecticut and threatens to  
10 impose an onerous financial burden on the state to provide health care,  
11 housing and other necessities of life that would otherwise have been  
12 provided by such reduced or eliminated pension or health insurance  
13 benefits; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1974 the United States Congress enacted and the  
15 President signed into law the Employee Retirement Income Security  
16 Act, also known as "ERISA", codified at 29 USC 1001, et seq., as  
17 amended, which governs matters related to pensions and retirement  
18 benefits offered by most nongovernmental employers to their  
19 employees.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
21 General Assembly calls upon the United States Congress to amend  
22 ERISA, or to enact or amend other appropriate federal law, to prohibit  
23 employers from reducing or eliminating pension or health insurance  
24 benefits of their retired employees, and calls upon each member of the  
25 Connecticut Congressional delegation to take immediate action to  
26 encourage the United States Congress to act in accordance with this  
27 resolution; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerks of the House of  
29 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be  
30 sent to the President and each member of the Connecticut  
31 Congressional delegation.